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A Range Extension of *Nassarius miser* (Dall, 1908)

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On October 2, 1982, an otter trawl was brought up from a black mud bottom at a depth of 250 fathoms off Resort Point, Palos Verdes Peninsula, Los Angeles County, California. Contents included the gastropods *Acteocina eximia* (Baird, 1863), *Amphissa bicolor* (Dall, 1892), *Bittium* sp., *Mitrella permodesta* (Dall, 1890), *Nassarius insculptus* (Carpenter, 1864) and a species of *Nassarius* represented by five specimens. Those five shells were identified by Dr. James McLean, Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, as *Nassarius miser* (Dall, 1908). One is deposited at this museum and the others remain in the author's collection.

The northern range of *Nassarius miser* is cited as Cedros Island, Baja California, Mexico, in A. M. KEEN (1971, *Sea Shells of Tropical West America*, Stanford University Press). The most northern part of Cedros Island is approximately 28°22'N latitude, 115°11'W longitude. Resort Point is approximately 33°50'N latitude, 118°25'W longitude. This is a range extension north of over 500 km and, I believe, is the first published record of *N. miser* from California.

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